Sovereign Grace Church

November 12th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

(Isaiah 51:1)

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"BOTH thieves at the first, when nailed to the cross, joined the cry against our Lord, until one of them, struck by divine conviction, had his heart suddenly changed, and cried out for mercy. JESUS snatched him as from the very brink of hell, and as a trophy of His rich, free, and sovereign grace, took him with Him to heaven. I beg the reader not to pass away from the view of such wonderful love, until he has feasted his soul with the contemplation. Here was no merit, no predisposition, no service, no ordinance, no means, neither baptism nor the Lord's supper; but, on the contrary, everything of demerit, a life of infamy, and within a short period all over, and dying under the hand of justice. And yet such a one the Son of God took with Him at once to everlasting joy! What will any man call this? Was Christ, or was He not, in this instance, the whole of salvation? And is He not so in every other?" [He most certainly is.] — Robert Hawker

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Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,
Dzidzantun, Mexico

Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,
Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,
Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Article

"Lord, remember me."

"…Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And JESUS said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

(Luke 23:42-43), Psalm 25:7

DEAR LORD! remember me,
A sinner weak and vile,
Full of impiety,
And fraught with sin and guile;
I cannot hope but in Thy blood,
Remember me, O Lord, for good.

Unable to depend,
On nature-strength and power,
JESUS, my soul befriend,
Teach me to trust Thee more:
Save me from sin and all its [painful] smart;
O save me from my treacherous heart!

Upon Thy oath I rest;
My feeble soul secure:
By sin I am oppressed,
But Thy salvation is sure:
Though like a bottle in the smoke,
I know Thy vessels can't be broke.

'Tis true, dear LORD, I am
a sinner vile indeed;
Yet hoping in the Lamb,
Who [stooped] for such to bleed:
And while the Spirit seals my heart,
My soul believes we never shall part.

Christ ever will defend
The people of His choice,
He loves them without end,
And in them doth rejoice:
For them He shed His precious blood,
And will present them all to God.

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All things shall work together for the good of God's chosen ones

"…we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

(Romans 8:28)

BELOVED, …when I look back and compare my privileges with the poor advancement I have made in the divine life, and towards heaven, I blush and am ashamed, and think no one so worthless and unworthy as myself; but I am still grateful if I can discern any thing like a spark of God's grace within me; though I know we should not satisfy ourselves with low attainments, since there is height, and depth, and breadth in the divine life, of the love of Christ, that we have not yet attained unto; but forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth to those that are before, should press towards the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And O! that you and I, my dear friend, and all God's dear children, may see and feel the need of being stirred up afresh to a redoubled diligence in the good ways of the Lord; and so make our calling and election sure: and whilst we feel our own utter helplessness, may we rejoice that it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of His own good pleasure: and if interested in that blessed covenant of grace—the conditions of which have all been fulfilled by our blessed surety, the Lord Jesus Christ, and is ordered in all things, and sure—then is our salvation sure; we are safe, and shall be happy, if, like David, we can say *"this is all our salvation, and all our desire"* (2 Samuel 23:5). And though we are constrained at many times to write bitter things against ourselves, through the remainder of corruptions and indwelling sin, and with the apostle to cry out, *"O! wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of sin and death?"* yet there is a promise,—that all things shall work together for the good of God's chosen ones; and though many of the Lord's dispensations and dealings with us are dark and mysterious, yet a day is speedily approaching when He will give us to see that, could we see through events as He doth, who knows the end from the beginning, we would not admit a wish that any one of His providential dealings with us, however trying to flesh and blood, should have been prevented, or ordered in any other way. But, alas! I know that it is easier to treat upon subjects that require the exercise of faith, than it is to act on faith under trying dispensations.

I felt much for you, dear friend, when I heard of your bereavement, and did not forget you at a throne of grace; and do hope that, though you have lost one of the dearest of earthly friends, yet He that has promised never to leave us, or ever forsake us, is to you a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Let us pray, dear friend, to trust the wisdom and love of God in all sorrowful dispensations, since "He doth not willingly or wantonly," as a good man says, "afflict His children, nor send one sorrow more than what is absolutely necessary to their true edification and welfare." We shall, indeed, thank God heartily for all our adversities, by and bye, when we meet our dear departed friends above, and join the blood-bought throng, who have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb [Revelation 7:14].

— John Gadsby

Excerpt from 'To A Friend'; Written a short time before his death